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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

Excise

Duty on the imported spirituous preparations.

* 1755 *Q.*—Dr. (Mrs). S. Muthulakshmi Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that when once duty is paid on imported spirituous preparations, they are allowed to be imported into this Presidency without further assessment of duty and whether the same concession is not allowed to Indian-made spirituous preparations imported into this Presidency; and

(*b*) what is the approximate average annual receipts from duties on Indian-manufactured spirituous medicines imported into this Presidency from the other Presidencies?

A.—(*a*) The duty levied on all liquor imported by sea into India is a customs duty. No excise duty is levied on articles on which customs duty has been paid. The only duty payable on liquor manufactured in India and imported into the Madras Presidency is the excise duty levied at the rates prescribed for similar liquor manufactured in the Madras Presidency and it is credited to the revenues of the Madras Government in accordance with the general principle accepted by the Government of India and all Local Governments that all excise duty should be credited to the Province of consumption.

(*b*) The Government have not the information.

Public Health

Collection of water-tax in Masulipatam Municipality.

* 1756 *Q.*—Mr. V. Ramjee Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Masulipatam Municipality has been collecting water-tax from the residents to whom the water is not supplied either by earthen pipes or by pipe system; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that some of the tax-payers have given notice to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Masulipatam, that they would not pay the water-tax unless water is supplied to them?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. V. Ramjee Rao:—" With reference to the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of the question, may I ask the hon. Minister for Education and Local Self-Government whether he would call for the information?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—" The Government will call for the information".